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SECTO 405

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)
SUBJ: SECRETARYS' BACKGROUNDER TO TRAVELLING PRESS ON
DAMASCUS-TEL AVIV LEG, MAY 14

DEPARTMENT PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR SCOWCROFT AND ZIEGLER

1. FYI ONLY. SECRETARY MADE FOLLOWING POINTS TO TRAVELLING PRESS:

(A) WE ARE NOW IN A HOLDING PATTERN AND WILL KNOW BY TOMORROW NIGHT IF A DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT IS POSSIBLE ON THIS TRIP.

(B) STILL NO AGREEMENT ON THE LINE, WHERE ADDITIONAL RECONSIDERATION IS NEEDED BY ONE OR BOTH SIDES.

(C) BOTH SIDES AGREE THAT THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS TOWARDS AGREEMENT.

(D) NEGOTIATIONS WILL NOT BLOW UP. QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE SUSPENDED FOR A FEW WEEKS OR WHETHER THEY CAN BE CONCLUDED ON THIS TRIP.

(E) FURTHER ON THE LINE, THE GAP IN KILOMETER TERMS IS VERY SMALL BUT IT IS MORE AN EMOTIONAL QUESTION THAN A QUESTION OF DISTANCE.

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(F) OUTSIDERS CAN NOT HELP MUCH AT THIS STAGE AS WE

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ARE NOW DOWN TO NUANCES.

(G) IF AN AMERICAN PROPOSAL IS NEEDED, I WILL PRESENT ONE, BUT WE ARE NOT THERE YET.

(H) BOTH SIDES HAVE DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN STRIVING FOR AN AGREEMENT. FOR THE ISRAELIS, THERE IS THE QUESTION OF THE SETTLEMENTS. FOR SYRIA IT IS THE QUESTION OF THE SHAPE OF THE LINE.

(I) CHANCES ARE NOW FIFTY-FIFTY FOR AN AGREEMENT.

(J) ASIDE FROM THE LINE, COLLATERAL ISSUES ARE IN GOOD SHAPE. ASSAD GAVE A LITTLE TODAY AND THE ISRAELIS A LITTLE YESTERDAY, BUT NOT YET ENOUGH TO BRIDGE THE GAP.
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